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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2015    10:30 a.m.    Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Representatives Courser, Garrett.

**EXCUSED:** Representative Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 29, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4604 (Brett Roberts)    Natural resources; soil and erosion; soil erosion and sedimentation permit process; provide exemption for certain agricultural practices.

Representative Roberts reviewed the provisions of HB 4604 with the Committee.

Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke in support of HB 4604.

Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Products Council, spoke in support of HB 4604.

Cards for HB 4604 were submitted by:

Tony DesChenes, representing the Potato Growers, in support

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, in opposition

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition

Representative Roberts made a motion to report HB 4604 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Talabi. (12/17)

**Nays:** None. (0/17)

**Pass:** Representatives Darany, Driskell, LaVoy. (3/17) (12/0/3)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Cole made a motion to excuse Representative Garrett. No objections being offered, Representative Garrett was excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:55 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair